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TO THE GOVERNORS OF ANDERSON'S COLLEGE
MEDICAL SCHOOL, GLASGOW.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the position of Professor of Midwifery in Anderson's College, rendered vacant by the resignation of Professor Wallace.

In support of my application I would direct attention to the following facts bearing on my qualifications for the post :—

(1.) In 1866 I graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Glasgow, with Commendation, and I am a Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

(2.) I am a Fellow of the Obstetrical Societies of London and Edinburgh ; Corresponding Member of the Gynecological Society of Boston, and I was elected first President of the Glasgow Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. I was Honorary Secretary to the Obstetrical Section of the British Medical Association at its meeting in Glasgow last year.

(3.) For nearly three years (1876-'77-'78) I served as Out-Door Physician to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, which position I resigned on being appointed Physician-Accoucheur to the Western Infirmary.

In 1879 I succeeded Professor Leishman as Physician to the Dispensary for Women at the Western Infirmary, and in 1883 was appointed Physician and Clinical Lecturer on Obstetrics at the Maternity Hospital, both of

which appointments I still hold. I am Examiner in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women for the Triple Qualification of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, as well as for the Fellowship of the last-mentioned body.

(4.) During the last thirteen years I have given Systematic Lectures on Midwifery, and the Diseases of Women and Children. For the last nine years these have been delivered at the Western Medical School, where the annual course has consisted of at least one hundred lectures. In the carrying on of this work I have accumulated a valuable collection of diagrams, models, specimens, and instruments, with which to illustrate these lectures, and facilitate the work of the class. The number of students attending these courses has gradually increased, and during the past year there were forty-six names on the roll.

The Clinical Lectures delivered by me at the Maternity Hospital are attended by the majority of the students at the University and the other Medical Schools of Glasgow. I have also for three years taught the Diseases of Women clinically to graduates and senior students at the Poliklinik, 100 Elderslie Street.

(5.) My Systematic Course of Lectures is recognized as qualifying for the Degrees of Glasgow University, and for the Licenses of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; the Royal College of Physicians, and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

(6.) I have given much time to original work in the perfecting of instruments employed in the departments of Midwifery and Diseases peculiar to Women. In this connection I would refer to papers on these and other subjects published in various medical journals, a list of which is appended.

(7.) For several years past I have been devoting myself in my practice almost entirely to this special depart-

ment of medicine. With this end in view, some years ago I visited and studied the methods of practice in most of the celebrated Obstetrical Schools, including those of London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Würzburg, Prague, Berlin, and Vienna. More recently I spent some time in similar work in America.

Accompanying this application are copies of a few testimonials from Specialists and others well known to the profession.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM L. REID.

7 ROYAL CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, *April*, 1889.

PAPERS ON OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL
SUBJECTS, BY WILLIAM L. REID, M.D.

- “On a New Form of Long Forceps.” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, June, 1878.
- “On the Shape of the Head of an Extra-uterine Foetus.” *Obstetrical Journal of Great Britain and Ireland*, February, 1880.
- “On Labour Obstructed from an Unusual Cause.” *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, April, 1880.
- “On the Use of Antiseptics in Obstetrics and Gynecology.” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, June, 1881.
- The Combe Trust Lecture on “Healthy Womanhood.” Published as one of “The Glasgow Health Lectures, 1881.”
- “On a Case of Congenital Absence of the Uterus and Vagina.” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, October, 1882.
- “On the Vaginal Speculum, with a Description of a New Form of the Instrument.” *The American Journal of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children*, March, 1883.
- “On Retained Placenta.” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, July, 1883.
- “On Recent Methods of Treatment of the Asphyxia of New-born Children, with a Description and Illustration of that of Prof. B. S. Schultze of Jena.” (Being an Address at the Inaugural Meeting of the Glasgow Obstetrical and Gynecological Society.) *Glasgow Medical Journal*, Nov., 1885.
- “The Clinical Teaching of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women.” *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, April, 1887.
- “A New Uterine Dilator for Gynecological Purposes.”—*Glasgow Medical Journal*, May, 1887.
- “The Remote Results of the Operation of Shortening the Round Ligaments for Displacements of the Uterus.”—*Transactions of the International Medical Congress*, Washington, U.S.A., 1887. Vol. II., p. 757.
- “Instrument for the Rapid Dilatation of the Cervix Uteri.” *British Medical Journal*, October 20th, 1888.

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From J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN, A.M., M.D., LL.D.,
F.R.S.'s, L. & E., *Physician Accoucheur and Lecturer
on Midwifery at Saint Bartholomew's Hospital ;
late President of the Obstetrical Society of London,
etc.*

71 BROOK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, *April 5th, 1889.*

I AM well acquainted with DR. WILLIAM L. REID, and have admired his extensive knowledge and great zeal in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children. In pursuit of knowledge and experience in these branches of medicine, he has pursued the best plans, including visits to foreign schools. He has published papers which evince acute intelligence and original power in Obstetric Medicine. He has experience in teaching, and has indeed followed with steadfastness such a line of life as makes him unavoidably and justly a candidate of the best pretensions for the Professorship of Midwifery in Anderson's College.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

From ALEXANDER R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Medicine and Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Edinburgh; Ex-President of the Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh, etc.*

52 QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH, *April 8th, 1889.*

DR. W. L. REID is well known to me as a physician of wide general culture, who has devoted himself mainly to the study and practice of Midwifery and Gynecology. His published writings show him to be well acquainted with the literature of that department and to be possessed of originality of mind and thoroughness of investigation. He has more than once contributed to the *Transactions* of our Edinburgh Obstetrical Society in matter that was valuable and fresh, and in manner intelligent and interesting. The fact that his love for the subject led him to start an independent course of lectures is itself a good guarantee that he would fulfil the duties of the Professorship of Midwifery in Anderson's College with enthusiasm and success, and I cordially recommend his claims to the consideration of the Directors of that Institution.

ALEX. R. SIMPSON.

From WILLIAM LEISHMAN, M.D., *Regius Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow; Physician for the Diseases of Women at the Western Infirmary, etc.*

11 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
April 8th, 1889.

DEAR DR. REID,—I cannot hesitate in complying with your request, and in bearing testimony to your complete fitness to discharge the duties of the Chair now vacant

in the Andersonian, should the Trustees appoint you to that office. In addition to a thorough knowledge of the subject, your special claim consists, as it seems to me, in the experience you have already gained as a teacher of Midwifery, and I am sure that you would fill the Chair with credit to the School and to the satisfaction of all concerned.—Yours most faithfully,

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

From THOMAS MORE MADDEN, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,
President of the Obstetric Section, British Medical Association; Obstetric Physician, Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, Dublin; Ex-President of the Obstetric Section, Royal Academy of Medicine; formerly Vice-President of the British Gynecological Society; and Examiner in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Queen's University; etc.

55 MERRION SQUARE,
 DUBLIN, *April 6, 1889.*

DEAR DR. REID,—I avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my high estimation of your professional character, and my respect for your position as a teacher and practitioner.

You have contributed by your published writings much to the progress of Obstetrics and Gynecological Science, and thus worthily maintained the historic reputation of your school of medicine in our branches of its practice.

If elected (as I sincerely hope you may be) to the Chair for which you are a candidate, you will, I am assured, fill it with distinction to yourself, honour to the institution, and advantage to the students. This I say

from my acquaintance with your well-known repute as a teacher of many years' standing, who is already recognized as possessing the highest personal and professional qualifications for that office.

In the Chair for which you now offer yourself, you would have a still wider field for using for the benefit of others attainments and culture of no ordinary extent, sound judgment, and large practical experience. Therefore, I cordially wish you success, and remain,

Very sincerely yours,

THOS. MORE MADDEN.

From J. HALLIDAY CROOM, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Physician for the Diseases of Women, Royal Infirmary; Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, School of Medicine, Edinburgh, late President of the Obstetrical Society, Edinburgh.

25 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, April 8th, 1889.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I am well acquainted with DR. W. L. REID, both personally and professionally. From my knowledge of him I am sure it would be impossible to find a more eligible candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College.

Dr. Reid's claims to this appointment seem to me pre-eminent for the following reasons:—1st, He is an accomplished physician; 2nd, He has been for years engaged extensively in the practice of Midwifery and Gynecology; 3rd, He has enjoyed unusually large clinical experience in this branch; 4th, He has for thirteen years been a most successful Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, and has thus had ample experience as a teacher; 5th, He has enriched the

literature of our profession with various important monographs and papers ; 6th, He is an earnest, careful worker, and his personal qualities are such as will render him a most agreeable colleague.

For these reasons I have the greatest confidence in bearing my testimony to Dr. Reid's outstanding fitness for this Chair. His appointment would be a really valuable acquisition to that Institution, and to the Glasgow school generally.

J. HALLIDAY CROOM.

From ALEXANDER DUKE, F.R.Q.C.P.I., ETC., *Ex-Assistant Master Rotunda Hospital, Gynecologist to Steeven's Hospital, Dublin.*

17 UPPER MOUNT STREET,
DUBLIN, *April*, 1889.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony as to the high opinion I have formed of DR. REID'S professional attainments.

He is already fully recognized as one of the leading obstetricians, and I feel sure no one more suitable could be elected to the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College.

ALEXANDER DUKE.

From LOMBE ATTHILL, *President of the King and Queen's College of Physicians ; Late Master of the Rotunda Hospital ; Consulting Obstetric Physician to the Adelaide Hospital ; Ex-President of the Dublin Obstetrical Society.*

94 MERRION SQUARE, WEST,
DUBLIN, *8th April*, 1889.

DR. W. L. REID studied Midwifery and Gynecology with much attention in this Hospital (Rotunda) during the summer of 1879.

From my knowledge of Dr. Reid I am satisfied that he is a highly educated and well-informed obstetric practitioner, capable of filling with credit the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College.

LOMBE ATTHILL.

From JOSEPH COATS, M.D., *Pathologist and Lecturer on Pathology in the Western Infirmary; Examiner in Pathology in the University of Glasgow; Author of a "Manual of Pathology"; Editor of the "Glasgow Medical Journal"; late President of the Pathological and Clinical Society of Glasgow, etc.*

31 LYNEDOCH STREET,
April 8, 1889.

I AM thoroughly conversant with DR. W. L. REID'S career from his student days onwards, and I have no hesitation in stating that in all respects he is admirably qualified for the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College. He has applied himself with an unusual amount of self-devotion and thoroughness to the study of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women, and his practical experience in these branches must now be very great. In the Dispensary of the Western Infirmary and in the Poliklinik he has been engaged for some years in the scientific study of this class of diseases, and he has found his reward in a large and increasing consulting practice.

I have been in frequent communication with Dr. Reid in connection with the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, of which I am Editor. He has written many reviews and original articles for the journal, which have shown a high degree of knowledge, clearness of expression, ingenuity and practical grasp of his subject. Dr. Reid has had considerable experience in conducting a Systematic

Course of Lectures on Midwifery, and I believe that his powers of teaching are of a high order.

I believe that for diligence and conscientious earnestness, there are few in any line of professional work who come up to Dr. Reid, and I have no doubt that he would be a most successful occupant of the Chair of Midwifery in Anderson's College.

JOSEPH COATS.

